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11	NORTHER DISTRICT OF CALIFOR	NIA, SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION					
12	In re	Case No. 19-30088-DM					
13	PG&E Corporation,	Chapter 11 Lead Case, Jointly Administered					
14	and	, -					
15	PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY,	MOTION PURSUANT TO FED. R. BANKR. PROC. 7015 AND 7017 TO JOIN					
16		REAL PARTY IN INTEREST FOR					
17	Debtors.	CLAIM PREVIOUSLY FILED; OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, TO ENLARGE					
		TIME TO FILE PROOF OF CLAIM					
18	[] Affects PG&E Corporation	PURSUANT TO FED. R. BANKR. PROC. 9006(b)(1); MEMORANDUM OF POINTS					
19	Affects Pacific Gas and Electric Company	AND AUTHORITIES; DECLARATION OF					
20	[x] Affects both Debtors	ROBERT M. BONE IS SUPPORT					
21	*All paper shall be filed in the Lead Case, No. 19-30088-DM	Date: 12/15/20					
22		Time: 10:00 a.m. (Pacific Time) Place: Telephonic/Video Appearances Only					
23		United States Bankruptcy Court					
24		Courtroom 17, 450 Golden Gate Ave., 16th Floor					
25		San Francisco, CA					
		Judge: Hon. Dennis Montali					
26		Objection Deadline: December 8, 2020					
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## **BACKGROUND**

Pursuant to Rules 7015 and 7017 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, which incorporate Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 15 and 17, by this motion ("Motion"), Nader Mogannam and Laurice Mogannam (Nader Mogannam's wife) ("Movants") move to add Laurice Mogannam as an additional claimant and wife of Nader Mogannam. Mr. Mogannam previously filed Proof of Claim, Claim Number 31126, attached to the Declaration of Robert M. Bone as Exhibit 1. As a result of counsel's mistaken omission, Laurice Mogannam was not included in Mr. Mogannam's Proof of Claim. They lived in the same household at the time of the fire and Laurice Mogannam should have been included in the Proof of Claim. Alternatively, Movants seek an order expanding the time for them to file their Proof of Claim, and allow, Claim Number (not yet assigned), attached to the Declaration of Robert M. Bone as Exhibit 2, to be considered timely filed. Claim Number (not yet assigned) was filed on November 17, 2020.

This Motion is based upon the points and authorities set forth herein and the concurrently filed Notice of Hearing and Declaration of Robert M. Bone in support of the Motion, in addition to any evidence or oral argument presented at the time of any hearing on this matter. In support thereof, the Movants, by and through their undersigned counsel, respectfully represent as follows:

# BASIS FOR RELIEF REQUESTED

The general bar date in these cases was October 21, 2019 ("Original Bar Date"). The process for submission of timely claims was continued after the Original Bar Date. Pursuant to the Stipulation Between Debtors and Official Committee of Tort Claimants to Extend Bar Date for Fire Claimants and for Appointment of Claims Representative (Dkt No. 4651), the Original Bar Date was extended for the benefit of Unfiled Fire Claimants to December 31, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. (Prevailing Pacific Time). The Debtors' Chapter 11 plan ("Plan") was confirmed by court order on June 20, 2020, and pursuant to the Notice of Effective Date, the Plan became effective as of July 1, 2020.

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This Motion concerns the claim of Nader Mogannam, whose wife, Laurice Mogannam was erroneously not included as a claimant on Mr. Mogannam's original claim form at the time Mr. Bone originally submitted the claim for damages and losses that resulted from the Tubbs Fire. Claimant's counsel sought to remedy this oversight through a request to the Fire Victim Trust to add the individual. Unfortunately, it does not appear this can be done without leave of the Court and therefore it is respectfully requested the Court grant such relief.

Under Rules 7015 and 7017 of Federal Bankruptcy Procedure (which incorporate Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 15(c) and 17(a)(3)) because there is a lack of bad faith on the part of Movants and their counsel in failing to include Laurice Mogannam as part of Mr. Mogannam's original claim, it is respectfully requested the Court allow the addition of Laurice Mogannam to the original claim, Claim Number 31126.

In the alternative, to the extent that an extension of the bar date is required to effectuate the purpose of Rules 7015 and 7017, it is respectfully requested the mistake should be allowed to be corrected by permitting the late filing of the amended Proof of Claim under Bankruptcy Rule 9006(b).

Application of the so-called Pioneer factors shows that Movants' late filing is the result of excusable neglect and therefore permissible under Rule 9006(b)(1). In permitting a creditor's late filing under Bankruptcy Rule 9006(b)(1), the Supreme Court explained that Congress, by empowering the courts to accept late filings where the failure to act was the result of excusable neglect, plainly contemplated that courts would be permitted, where appropriate, to accept late filings caused by inadvertence, mistake or carelessness, as well as by intervening circumstances beyond the party's control. Pioneer Inv. Servs. Co. v. Brunswick Associates L.P., (1993) 507 U.S. 380 at 388. The Supreme Court further clarified that whether a claimant's neglect of a deadline is excusable is an equitable determination, taking account of all the relevant circumstances surrounding the claimant's omission. See id. at 395. These equitable considerations include (1) The danger of prejudice to the debtor, (2) The length of the delay and its potential impact on judicial proceedings, (3) The reason for the delay,

including whether it was within the reasonable control of the movant, and (4) whether the movant acted in good faith.

As to the first such factor, Movants' late filing will cause no prejudice to Debtors, inasmuch as the Plan has been confirmed, the associated Fire Victim Trust funded, and so the inclusion of Movants' claim in the pool of fire victim claims will have no impact at all on the Debtors or the bankruptcy estates.

As to the second Pioneer factor, Movants' delay in filing this claim and any resultant impact on these proceedings are exceedingly modest and immaterial for the same reasons that Debtors will not be prejudiced.

As to the third Pioneer factor, the reason for the delay and whether it was in Movants' reasonable control, claimant's counsel has no excuse as to why Laurice Mogannam was not included in the claim. Claimant's counsel assigned an attorney with significant experience in handling personal injury claims to contact claimants about their losses and other family members impacted by the Tubbs Fire and draft the claim forms on behalf of the victims. Unfortunately, during the process the attorney inadvertently left out and/or did not discover this claimant along with two other claimants that had claims that should have been included with the related family members. The other claimants' motions for relief have been filed concurrently with this motion. Those other motions request to add A.W., a minor child, daughter of Benjamin Wylie Claim No. 31133; and Cindy Mogannam, wife of Dr. Jiries Mogannam to Dr. Mogannam's Claim No. 31120. Claimant's counsel did not uncover these omissions until our office began preparing the transmission of supporting documents and the Claims Questionnaire due on December 31, 2020, to the Fire Victim's Trust.

As to the final factor, Movants are acting in good faith in filing the claim as they are victims of the Tubbs Fire that but for the mistake, they would have been included in claims already timely filed in the Court. Based on the above, Claimant's counsel requests the claims be allowed due to his own neglect as opposed to that of the victim of the Tubbs Fire.

### CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, Movants respectfully request that this Court enter an

order pursuant to Bankruptcy Rules 7015, 7017, and 9006(b)(l) as follows:

- 1. Granting this Motion;
- 2. Directing that Laurice Mogannam be added as a claimant to Exhibit 1, the Claim Number 31126; or in the alternative;
  - 3. Directing that Exhibit 2, the Proof of Claim, Claim Number (not yet assigned), be deemed timely filed;
  - 4. Granting such other or further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Dated: November 17, 2020.

Law Office of Robert M. Bone

By: /s/ Robert M. Bone ROBERT M. BONE Attorneys for Claimants

# DECLARATION OF ROBERT M. BONE

I, Robert M. Bone, hereby declare:

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- I am an attorney at law duly licensed to practice before all state and federal 1. courts of the State of California.
- My law firm represents wildfire victims who sustained losses from the Tubbs 2. Fire in 2017. My firm has timely filed on behalf of approximately 140 claimants with Prime Clerk for losses our clients have suffered as a result of the Northern California Fires in 2017 and 2018.
- I have significant experience in handling personal injury claims and it was my 3. responsibility to contact claimants about their losses and other family members impacted by the Tubbs Fire and draft the claim forms on behalf of the victims. Unfortunately, during the process I inadvertently left out and/or did not discover this claimant, Laurice Mogannam, wife of Nader Mogannam, along with two other claimants that had claims that should have been included with the related family members. The two other claimants motions for relief have been filed concurrently with this motion. Those other motions request to add A.W., a minor child, daughter of Benjamin Wylie Claim No. 31133; and Cindy Mogannam, wife of Dr. Jiries Mogannam to Dr. Mogannam's Claim No. 31120.
- Claimant Nader Mogannam timely filed a timely Proof of Claim in 4. this matter on October 17, 2019 for various losses caused by the Tubbs Fire. See Exhibit 1attached hereto.
- In reviewing Mr. Mogannam's claim form in anticipation of transmission of the 5. Claims Questionnaire due on December 31, 2020 to the Fire Victim's Trust, it was discovered that I inadvertently failed to include Laurice Mogannam, Mr. Mogannam's wife, in the Proof of Claim attached hereto as Exhibit 1. Laurice Mogannam should have been included as a member of the same household. Unfortunately, I did not discover the omission of this fire victim and the above until after the deadline to file a Proof of Claim.
  - On November 17, 2020, I filed an amended Proof of Claim that included 6.

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Laurice Mogannam, Claim No. (not yet assigned) (See Exhibit 2 attached hereto.) We also sought guidance from the Fire Victim's Trust about adding Laurice Mogannam to the claim. Unfortunately, it does not appear this can be done without leave of the Court and therefore I am respectfully requesting the Court grant such relief.

- 7. All statements in this declaration are based on my own personal knowledge and observation and from my review of the court and business records in this case, or upon information and belief as indicated. If called to testify on this matter, I can and would competently testify to the matters set forth in this Declaration.
- 8. I declare under penalty of perjury pursuant to the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 17th day of November, 2020, in Santa Rosa, California.

Dated: November 17, 2020.

Law Office of Robert M. Bone

By: <u>/s/ Robert M. Bone</u> ROBERT M. BONE Attorneys for Claimants

# **EXHIBIT 1**

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# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA (SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION)

In re:

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- and PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC
COMPANY,

Debtors.

Bankruptcy Case No. 19-30088 (DM)

Chapter 11 (Lead Case) (Jointly Administered)

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Please type or print in the spaces below. Do NOT use red ink or pencil.

Who is the current creditor?	MOGANNAM, NADER  Name of the current creditor (the person or entity to be paid for this claim)			
Has this claim been acquired from someone else?	☑ No □ Yes. From whom?			
Are you filing this claim on behalf of your family? A family is a group of two or more people related by birth, marriage, domestic partnership, or adoption and residing together. All such people are considered as members of one family.	☑ No If you checked "Yes", please pro □ Yes of:	ovide the full name of each family member that you are filing on behalf		
. Where should notices and payments to the creditor be sent?	Where should notices to the creditor be sent?	Where should payments to the creditor be sent? (if different)		
Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure (FRBP) 2002(g)   Does this claim amend one already filed?	Name: MOGANNAM, NADER  Attorney Name (if applicable): Bone, Robert M  Attorney Bar Number (if applicable): 181526  Street Address: 645 FOURTH STREET, SUITE 205  City: SANTA ROSA  State: CA  Zip Code: 95404  Phone Number: (707)525-8999  Email Address: bob@robertbonelaw.com	Attorney Name (if applicable): Crowley, Daniel F  Attorney Bar Number (if applicable): 130261  Street Address: P.O. BOX R  City: SAN RAFAEL  State: CA  Zip Code: 94913  Phone Number: (707)525-8999  Email Address: dcrowley@dcalaw.com		
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#### Give Information About the Claim as of the Date this Claim Form is Filed Part 2: What fire is the basis of your claim? □ Camp Fire (2018) ☑ North Bay Fires (2017) Check all that apply. ☐ Ghost Ship Fire (2016) ☐ Butte Fire (2015) ☐ Other (please provide date and brief description of fire: What are the loss Location(s): location(s) where you 1932 San Salvador Dr, Santa Rosa, CA 95403-1932 and/or your family suffered harm? (e.g. home or business address, place of injury, place from which you were evacuated, if different.? Property Damage (homes, structures, personal property, land, trees, landscaping, and all other property How were you and/or your family harmed? damage) ☑ Owner ☐ Renter ☐ Occupant ☐ Other (Please specify): Check all that apply $\square$ Personal Injury Wrongful Death (if checked, please provide the name of the deceased) Name: $\square$ **Business Loss/Interruption** $\square$ Lost wages and earning capacity Loss of community and essential services $\square$ Agricultural loss Other (Please specify): Economic damages (including replacement cost of damaged property, diminution in value, loss of use, lost $\checkmark$ What damages are you inventory, lost profits, and other economic damage) and/or your family Non-economic damages (including loss of society and support, loss of consortium, pain and suffering, claiming/seeking? emotional distress, annoyance and discomfort, and other non-economic damage) Check all that apply $\square$ Punitive, exemplary, and statutory damages Attorney's fees and litigation costs $\square$ ablaInterest Any and all other damages recoverable under California law $\overline{\mathbf{A}}$ Other (Please specify): 11. How much is the claim? (optional) Unknown / To be determined at a later date abla

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Part 3: Sign Below The person completing Check the appropriate box: this proof of claim must sign and date it. ☐ I am the creditor. FRBP 9011(b). ☑ I am the creditor's attorney or authorized agent. If you file this claim electronically, FRBP I have examined the information in this Proof of Claim and have a reasonable belief that the information is true and correct. 5005(a)(2) authorizes courts to establish local rules I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. specifying what a signature is. Executed on date (mm/dd/yyyy) 09/24/2019 A person who files a fraudulent claim could be fined up to \$500,000, imprisoned for up to 5 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 157, and 3571. /s/Robert M. Bone Signature Murray Bone Robert Name Middle name Last name First name

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	claiming/seeking?	V	Non-economic damages (including loss of society and support, loss of consortium, pain and suffering, emotional distress, annoyance and discomfort, and other non-economic damage)
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The person completing this proof of claim must sign and date it. FRBP 9011(b).

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I am the creditor.

I am the creditor's attorney or authorized agent.

I have examined the information in this *Proof of Claim* and have a reasonable belief that the information is true and correct.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signature: Robert M. Bone
Robert M. Bone (Nov 17, 2020 13:31 PST)

Email: bob@robertbonelaw.com

Signature

# Print the name of the person who is completing and signing this claim:

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<b>Attach Supporting Documenta</b>	tion (limited to a single PDF attachment that is less than 5 megabytes in size and under 100 pages):
I have supporting documentation. (attach below)	I do <u>not</u> have supporting documentation.

PLEASE REVIEW YOUR PROOF OF CLAIM AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AND REDACT ACCORDINGLY PRIOR TO UPLOADING THEM. PROOFS OF CLAIM AND ATTACHMENTS ARE PUBLIC DOCUMENTS THAT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR ANYONE TO VIEW ONLINE.

IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING REDACTING YOUR PROOF OF CLAIM AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION When you submit a proof of claim and any supporting documentation you must show only the last four digits of any social-security, individual's tax-identification, or financial-account number, only the initials of a minor's name, and only the year of any person's date of birth. If the claim is based on the delivery of health care goods or services, limit the disclosure of the goods or services so as to avoid embarrassment or the disclosure of confidential health care information.

A document has been redacted when the person filing it has masked, edited out, or otherwise deleted, certain information. The responsibility for redacting personal data identifiers (as defined in Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9037) rests solely with the party submitting the documentation and their counsel. Prime Clerk and the Clerk of the Court will not review any document for redaction or compliance with this Rule and you hereby release and agree to hold harmless Prime Clerk and the Clerk of the Court from the disclosure of any personal data identifiers included in your submission. In the event Prime Clerk or the Clerk of the Court discover that personal identifier data or information concerning a minor individual has been included in a pleading, Prime Clerk and the Clerk of the Court are authorized, in their sole discretion, to redact all such information from the text of the filing and make an entry indicating the correction.

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